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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : HANNU EKLÖF  
SERIAL NUMBER : 10/716,083  
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FOR : METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF  
A BALL VALVE BETWEEN TWO TUBES  
ART UNIT :  
EXAMINER :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF  
PATENTS & TRADEMARKS  
WASHINGTON DC 20231

SIR:

Prior to examining the above identified application, kindly enter this Preliminary Amendment which amends the specification and claims.

The contents of the specification are identical to the specification as originally filed with the exception that appropriate headings have been inserted and a Summary of Invention has been inserted. The specification is being filed with a clean copy and a copy entitled "Marked Up Version". The claims have been amended to correct the claims contained in the original filing which included certain multiple depending claims depending

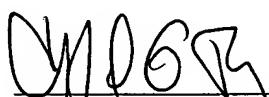
from prior multiple depending claims. Applicant respectfully submits that this improper multiple dependency has been corrected with this Preliminary Amendment. The claims are presented in a marked up version in accordance with the present claim amendment protocol.

The Applicant respectfully requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to any examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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